



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

9/2/04

Roberta A. Winzeler
(signature)

Roberta A. Winzeler

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
JOHN H. GILLEN)	Group Art Unit: 2832
)	
Serial No.: 10/781,395)	Examiner:
)	
Filing Date: February 18, 2004)	Attorney Docket: 1-15972
)	
For: POWERED SLIDER DRIVE INTERFACE)	
AND DRIVE ASSEMBLY)	
)	

September 2, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Section 1.97 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, record is hereby made of information, which the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better information than that listed is available.

As each item of information contained in this IDS is being submitted not more than three months after being cited in the International Search Report in the counterpart foreign application

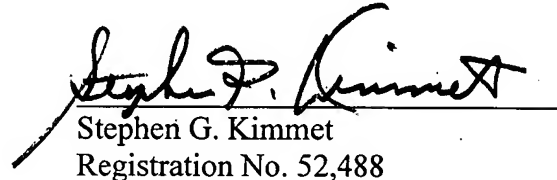
and prior to a first Office Action on the merits, it is submitted that no prior art consideration fee is required.

Each of the documents is listed in the Form PTO/SB/08A. The Form PTO/SB/08A and a copy of the foreign document FR 2 728 008 A are enclosed herewith. It is requested that these be fully considered and made of record in this case.

As full English translations of French patent document FR 2 728 008 A was not readily available, a copy of the English Abstract is attached to the document.

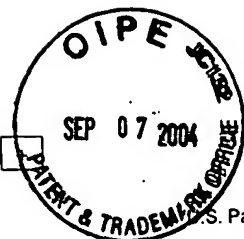
However, an English language copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/220) dated August 12, 2004 is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and serves as a statement of relevance for FR 2 728 008.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephen G. Kimmet
Registration No. 52,488

ATTORNEYS
Marshall & Melhorn, LLC
Four SeaGate – Eighth Floor
Toledo, Ohio 43604
(419) 249-7145

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/781,395
				Filing Date	February 18, 2004
				First Named Inventor	John H. Gillen
				Group Art Unit	2832
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	1-15972

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
		5,822,922		Grumm et al.	10/20/1998	Whole document

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							T ⁵	
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY		Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ² (if known)				
		FR	2 782 008	A	Achim	06/14/1996	Whole document	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard 51.3).

⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.
DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/781,395	
	Filing Date	February 18, 2004	
	First Named Inventor	John H. Gillen	
	Art Unit	2832	
	Examiner Name		
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	23	Attorney Docket Number	1-15972

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC) <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Return Postcard
Remarks Reference FR 2 2728 008 A Exhibit A - International Search Report (PCT/ISA/220) dated 8-12-04		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	MARSHALL & MELHORN, LLC.		
	Stephen G. Kimmett, Reg. No. 52,488		
Signature	<i>Stephen G. Kimmett</i>		
Date	9-2-2004		

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Typed or printed name	Roberta A. Winzeler		
Signature	<i>Roberta A. Winzeler</i>	Date	9/2/04

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.